

# ROSE CHEMICALS STEERING COMMITTEE

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August 29, 1997

Mr. Steve Kinser  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region VII  
726 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, KA 66101

Dear Steve:


The purpose of this letter is to confirm the continuation of our mutually-agreed suspension of the groundwater monitoring program at the Rose Chemicals site.

The fourth round of samples was completed in June, 1996. Sampling was then suspended with your concurrence pending EPA action on the proposed amendment to the Remedial Action Work Plan which was submitted to EPA in my letter of November 18, 1996.

Since early 1996, both EPA and representatives of the Rose Chemicals Steering Committee have met with representatives of Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in repeated attempts to demonstrate to them that the remedial actions carried out at the site have reduced the estimated risk to human health and the environment far below the acceptable range established by EPA. And, therefore, further groundwater sampling has no purpose, wastes money, and prevents the return of the Rose Chemicals property to beneficial use by the City of Holden. So far, those attempts have been unsuccessful.

We encourage you to resolve the long-term O&M issue by terminating the sampling permanently and issuing the appropriate documents modifying the Administrative Orders and ROD (if necessary). Until that resolution is reached or we are notified to resume sampling, the Rose Steering Committee will continue our sampling suspension at the site. We assume that unless we hear from you, you concur in this action.

Very truly yours,



Jene L. Robinson  
Chairman  
Rose Chemicals Steering Committee

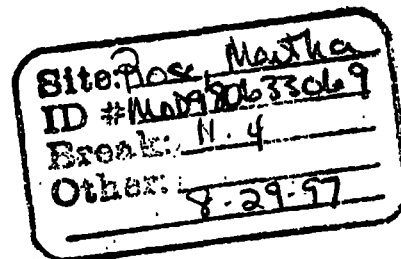
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